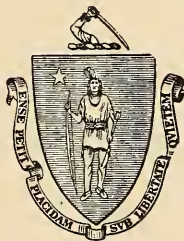


TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND
OF
MASSACHUSETTS.
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GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN, *Chairman.*

D. ARTHUR BURT, TAUNTON, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN,	.	.	Term expires July 1, 1918.
JOHN GRADY, BOSTON,	.	.	" " " 1917.
FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL,	.	.	" " " 1916.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

E. S. HOSMER, LOWELL,	.	.	Term expires Sept. 1, 1917.
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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, WORCESTER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

To His Excellency DAVID I. WALSH, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund have the honor to present their twenty-fifth annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, to which is appended a tabulated statement of the amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth, together with the causes of the same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the commissioners each year from 1890 to 1915.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,
Chairman.

STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amounts allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

List of Claims for the Year ending June 30, 1915.

Claims considered,	334
Claims allowed,	326
Accident claims rejected,	6
Death claims,	6
Death claims rejected,	2

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Call Men.	Per- manent Men.	Investi- gated.	Re- jected.	Deaths.	Amount.
Attleboro,	1	—	—	—	—	\$20 00
Arlington,	2	—	—	—	—	37 50
Boston,	—	92	8	1	1	3,171 50
Bridgewater,	1	—	—	—	—	13 50
Beverly,	7	—	—	—	—	379 50
Brockton,	—	2	—	—	—	103 00
Brookline,	—	3	—	1	1	133 00
Canton,	1	—	—	—	—	18 00
Cambridge,	3	4	2	—	—	455 00
Chelsea,	1	6	—	—	—	101 50
Chicopee,	1	—	—	—	—	132 00
Clinton,	1	—	—	—	—	33 00
Dedham,	1	—	—	—	—	57 00
Danvers,	2	—	1	—	—	91 50
Everett,	2	—	—	—	—	57 00
East Bridgewater,	1	—	—	—	—	103 50
Framingham,	3	—	—	—	—	100 50
Fitchburg,	2	1	—	—	—	63 50
Gardner,	1	—	—	—	—	9 00
Georgetown,	2	—	—	—	—	64 50
Gloucester,	1	2	—	—	—	47 00
Holyoke,	—	7	1	—	—	120 00
Haverhill,	1	4	—	—	—	170 00
Lawrence,	4	3	2	1	1	353 50
Lexington,	2	—	—	1	—	78 00
Lynn,	4	7	—	—	—	460 50
Lowell,	8	7	2	—	1	433 50
Milford,	2	1	1	—	—	120 00
Melrose,	2	1	1	—	—	166 00

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Call Men.	Per- manent Men.	Investi- gated.	Re- jected.	Deaths.	Amount.
Methuen, . . .	2	—	—	1	1	\$100 00
Marblehead, . . .	3	—	—	1	—	166 50
Malden, . . .	—	1	—	—	—	37 00
Medford, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	9 00
Needham, . . .	3	—	—	—	—	259 50
Newburyport, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	171 00
North Attleborough, . . .	3	—	—	—	—	232 50
New Bedford, . . .	2	1	2	1	1	67 00
North Easton, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	15 00
Newton, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	54 00
Peabody, . . .	3	—	2	—	—	268 50
Quincy, . . .	2	2	—	—	—	134 00
Revere, . . .	3	—	1	—	—	223 50
Saugus, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	25 50
Somerville, . . .	1	7	—	—	—	125 50
Springfield, . . .	—	5	—	—	—	82 00
Stoneham, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	105 00
Salem, . . .	9	—	1	—	—	418 50
Swampscott, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Southbridge, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	42 00
Taunton, . . .	—	1	—	—	—	14 00
Turners Falls, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	22 50
Weymouth, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	51 00
Worcester, . . .	2	15	—	—	—	406 00
Webster, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	19 50
Winchester, . . .	2	1	—	—	—	72 00
Westford, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	37 50
Woburn, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	10 50
Wakefield, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	100 50
Waltham, . . .	4	1	—	—	—	90 00
Watertown, . . .	1	1	—	—	—	24 50
Westfield, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	57 00
Whitman, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	24 00
						\$11,705 50

For further particulars you are referred to the report of the treasurer.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending July 1, 1915, together with the aggregate amounts allowed: —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Weeks' Benefits at \$2 per Week.	Amount.
Boston,	11	350	\$700 00
Chelsea,	1	32	64 00
Holyoke,	5	260	520 00
Hudson,	1	52	104 00
Haverhill,	1	52	104 00
Ipswich,	2	58	116 00
Lowell,	6	279	558 00
Lynn,	1	52	104 00
Methuen,	1	31	62 00
Plainville,	1	52	104 00
Quincy,	2	98	196 00
Revere,	2	104	208 00
Somerville,	1	14	28 00
Springfield,	2	78	156 00
Swampscott,	1	52	104 00
Woburn,	1	56	112 00
Worcester,	7	357	714 00
Total,	46	1,977	\$3,954 00

Total number of children entitled to benefits July 1, 1915, 46

Disbursements from July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1915.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditures.	Balance in Favor of Com- monwealth.
1891,	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 25
1892,	9,724 10	275 90
1893,	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894,	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895,	9,617 06	382 94
1896,	9,406 76	593 24
1897,	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898,	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899,	9,998 62	1 38 ¹
1900,	16,008 13	2 87 ²
1901,	10,000 00	— ³
1902,	9,999 96	04 ⁴
1903,	11,540 12	459 81
1904,	11,998 74	1 26 ⁵
1905,	11,998 20	1 80 ⁶
1906,	11,999 13	87 ⁷
1907,	14,999 87	13 ⁸
1908,	14,999 00	1 00 ⁹
1909,	15,000 00	—
1910,	14,559 91	440 09
1911,	14,995 88	4 12
1912,	14,249 57	750 43
1913,	15,000 00	—
1914,	15,000 00	— ¹⁰
1915,	15,000 00	— ¹¹
	\$289,493 31	\$13,517 52

¹ Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.² Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, Aug. 1, 1900.³ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.⁴ Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.⁵ Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.⁶ Claims to the amount of \$1,474 carried over to July 1, 1905.⁷ Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.⁸ Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.⁹ Claims to the amount of \$1,035 carried over to July 1, 1908.¹⁰ Claims to the amount of \$2,129 carried over to July 1, 1914.¹¹ Claims to the amount of \$3,552 carried over to July 1, 1915.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1915.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor of presenting this, my twenty-fifth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity herewith:—

RECEIPTS.

June 26, 1914, received from the Hon. Frederick W. Mansfield, Treasurer of the Commonwealth, for the benefit of the Fire- men's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, under chapter 171, act of March 16, 1906,	\$15,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid 3,389 days' injury benefit to call men at \$1.50 per day, . . .	\$5,083 50
Paid 5,045 days' injury benefit to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . .	5,045 00
Paid 4 funeral benefits at \$100 each,	400 00
Paid 1,977 weeks' benefit for minor children at \$2 per week, . . .	3,954 00
Paid expense account,	467 50
Paid Mrs. M. F. Peavey, Haverhill, by vote of commissioners, balance due her husband,	50 00
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	\$15,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer.

LEGISLATION.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, or while engaged in company drills, when such drills are ordered by the chief, acting chief or board of engineers of the fire department, or required by city or town ordinance or by law, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 25, 1902.

ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 19, 1902.

ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 17, 1903.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their

duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 16, 1906.